

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1A-1C. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A-1C, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1A-1C. In Figs. 1A-1C, the legend "Prior Art" has been added.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 1-37 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer for filing in a continuation application and new claims 38-41 have been added. Thus, claims 38-41 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to for informalities. The drawings have been amended to overcome this objection.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 29-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement, claims 1, 3, 6-9, 17, 19, 26, 28-29, 31, 34-35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, claims 1, 3-4, and 17-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,002,616 to Taneya et al. (hereinafter "Taneya"), claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0012701 to Nagai et al. (hereinafter "Nagai"), claims 6-9 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taneya in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,567,677 to Sokoloff, claims 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taneya in view of U.S. patent No. 6,741,873 B1 to Doran et al. (hereinafter "Doran"), and claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taneya in view of Sokoloff as applied to claim 6, and further in view of Doran. Claims 1-37 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejections moot.

With respect to Taneya, the Applicant respectfully notes that the instant application, which was filed on March 2, 2004, claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2003-095719, which was filed on March 31, 2003. The Patent Office acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of the priority document in the Office Action dated July 13, 2005. Moreover, a verified translation of the priority document was received by the Office on November 10, 2005, thereby perfecting the Applicant's claim for priority. Accordingly, the instant application has an effective filing date of March 31, 2003, which predates Taneya's PCT publication date of August 7, 2003. Thus, Taneya is not a proper prior art reference to this application. Taneya does not qualify as proper 102(e)/365 prior art since it was not published in English, and thus the earliest proper date is the PCT publication date, not the International filing date.

Regarding new claims 38-41, the Applicant respectfully submits that none of Nagai, Sokoloff and Doran discloses or suggests at least the combination of a display unit mounted on a first side of the mobile phone; a first camera unit mounted on the first side of the mobile phone for photographing an image capturing target located at the first side of the mobile phone; a second camera unit mounted on a second side of the mobile phone opposite the first side for photographing an image capturing target located at the second side of the mobile phone; a microphone unit for collecting a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone and sounds arriving from a nearby area; a sound processor unit that is equipped with an amplifier and operates so as to execute amplification and A/D conversion processes on the voice and sounds collected by the microphone unit; a selection unit for selecting one of the first and second camera units; a camera operation control unit for bringing the selected camera unit selected by the

selection unit into an activation ready state; and a control unit controlling operation of the amplifier equipped in the sound processor unit differently depending on which of the first and second camera units is selected by the selection unit, such that the amplifier achieves a higher gain when the second camera unit is selected than when the first camera unit is selected, as recited in claim 38.

In addition, the Applicant submits that none of Nagai, Sokoloff and Doran discloses or suggests at least the combination of a display unit mounted on a first side of the mobile phone; a first camera unit mounted on the first side of the mobile phone for photographing an image capturing target located at the first side of the mobile phone; a second camera unit mounted on a second side of the mobile phone opposite the first side for photographing an image capturing target located at the second side of the mobile phone; a first microphone unit mounted on the first side of the mobile phone and collecting a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone and sounds arriving from a nearby area; a second microphone unit mounted on the second side of the mobile phone and collecting a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone and sounds arriving from a nearby area; a sound processor unit that is equipped with a first amplifier for the first microphone unit and a second amplifier for the second microphone unit and operates so as to execute amplification and A/D conversion processes on the voice and sounds collected by either the first microphone unit or the second microphone unit; a selection unit for selecting one of the first and second camera units; a camera operation control unit for bringing the selected camera unit selected by the selection unit into an activation ready state; and a control unit for controlling operation of the first and second amplifiers such that when the first camera is selected by the selection unit, the first

amplifier achieves a higher gain than that of the second amplifier, and when the second camera is selected by the selection unit, the second amplifier achieves a higher gain than that of the first amplifier, as recited in claim 39.

Moreover, the Applicant submits that none of Nagai, Sokoloff and Doran discloses or suggests at least the combination of a display unit mounted on a first side of the mobile phone; a first camera unit mounted on the first side of the mobile phone for photographing an image capturing target located at the first side of the mobile phone; a second camera unit mounted on a second side of the mobile phone opposite the first side for photographing an image capturing target located at the second side of the mobile phone; a first microphone unit mounted on the first side of the mobile phone and collecting a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone and sounds arriving from a nearby area; a second microphone unit mounted on the second side of the mobile phone and collecting a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone and sounds arriving from a nearby area; a sound processor unit that is equipped with a first amplifier for the first microphone unit and a second amplifier for the second microphone unit and operates so as to execute amplification and A/D conversion processes on the voice and sounds collected by either the first microphone unit or the second microphone unit; a signal processor unit that switches from a muted state to a non-muted state when a signal level of the voice processed by the sound processor unit exceeds a threshold value; a selection unit for selecting one of the first and second camera units; a camera operation control unit for bringing the camera unit selected by the selection unit into an activation ready state; and a control unit for controlling operation of the first and second amplifiers such that when the first camera is selected by the selection unit, the first

amplifier achieves a higher gain than that of the second amplifier, and when the second camera is selected by the selection unit, the second amplifier achieves a higher gain than that of the first amplifier, as recited in claim 40.

Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully submits that none of Nagai, Sokoloff and Doran discloses or suggests at least the combination of an upper-half body and a lower-half body connected by a rotary part unit constituting a joint and capable of rotational movement; a camera unit for taking a picture of an image capturing target; a conversation microphone unit for a voice of a user talking on the mobile phone; a sound collection microphone unit that is activated and deactivated together with the camera unit and is for collecting sounds arriving from a nearby area; an operation-mode switching unit for switching an operation mode of the rotary part unit between a first mode for allowing the camera unit and the sound collection microphone unit to move rotationally together without changing a relative position between the camera unit and the sound collection microphone unit, and a second mode for allowing the camera unit and the sound collection microphone unit to move rotationally and independently of each other; a rotated angle determining unit for determining whether the camera unit has been rotated by an angle exceeding an angular region between -90 and +90 degrees form a predetermined angular position by rotational movement of the rotary part unit; an image data processing unit for changing the direction of the picture taken by the camera unit by +180 or by -180 degrees when the rotated angle determination unit determines that the camera unit has been rotated by an angle exceeding the angular region between -90 and +90 degrees from the predetermined angular position by rotational movement of the rotary part unit, as recited in claim 41.

For example, Nagai neither teaches nor suggests a rotationally moving microphone, Sokoloff assumes only one camera, and Doran is not directed to a camera. For at least these reasons, the Applicant submits that claims 38-41 are allowable over the applied art of record.

Conclusion

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 38-41 are in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowability is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place this application into better form, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this

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